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(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 713)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning bingo conducted during county fairs and
2 community festivals and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6475HV 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 99B.5A BINGO CONDUCTED AT A FAIR
1 2 OR COMMUNITY FESTIVAL.
1 3 1. For purposes of this section:
1 4 a. "Community festival" means a festival of no more than
1 5 four days in length held by a community group.
1 6 b. "Community group" means an Iowa nonprofit, tax-exempt
1 7 organization which is open to the general public and
1 8 established for the promotion and development of the arts,
1 9 history, culture, ethnicity, historic preservation, tourism,
1 10 economic development, festivals, or municipal libraries.
1 11 "Community group" does not include a school, college,
1 12 university, political party, labor union, state or federal
1 13 government agency, fraternal organization, church, convention
1 14 or association of churches, or organizations operated
1 15 primarily for religious purposes, or which are operated,
1 16 supervised, controlled, or principally supported by a church,
1 17 convention, or association of churches.
1 18 2. Bingo may lawfully be conducted at a fair, as defined
1 19 in section 174.1, or a community festival if all the following
1 20 conditions are met:
1 21 a. Bingo is conducted by the sponsor of the fair or
1 22 community festival or a qualified organization licensed under
1 23 section 99B.7 that has received permission from the sponsor of
1 24 the fair or community festival to conduct bingo.
1 25 b. The sponsor of the fair or community festival or the
1 26 qualified organization has submitted a license application and
1 27 a fee of twenty-five dollars to the department, has been
1 28 issued a license, and prominently displays the license at the
1 29 area where the bingo occasion is being held. A license shall
1 30 only be valid for the duration of the fair or community
1 31 festival indicated on the application.
1 32 c. The number of bingo occasions shall be limited to one
1 33 for each day of the duration of the fair or community
1 34 festival.
1 35 d. The rules for the bingo occasion are posted.
2 1 e. Except as provided in this section, the provisions of
2 2 sections 99B.2 and 99B.7 related to bingo shall apply.
2 3 3. An individual other than a person conducting the bingo
2 4 occasion may participate in the bingo occasion conducted at a
2 5 fair or community festival, whether or not conducted in
2 6 compliance with this section.
2 7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 8 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
2 9 EXPLANATION
2 10 This bill provides for bingo conducted at a fair or
2 11 community festival.
2 12 The bill provides that a fair, or community festival of no
2 13 more than four days in length, may conduct bingo if the
2 14 sponsor of the event approves, a \$25 license fee is paid, and
2 15 no more than one bingo occasion may be conducted for each day
2 16 of the fair or community festival. The bill requires that the
2 17 community festival be held by a community group, which is

2 18 defined as an Iowa nonprofit, tax-exempt organization
2 19 established for the promotion of the arts, history, culture,
2 20 ethnicity, historic preservation, tourism, economic
2 21 development, or municipal libraries. The bill excludes
2 22 educational institutions, government agencies, fraternal
2 23 organizations, and churches from the definition of community
2 24 group.
2 25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.
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